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Re.: Filing of arguments to the "Written opinion of the international preliminary examining authority" in PCT/SE2004/001182  
Applicant: Airson AB, et al.

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Dear Madame/Sir,

The "Written opinion of the international preliminary examining authority" dated 5005-06-14 has been received.

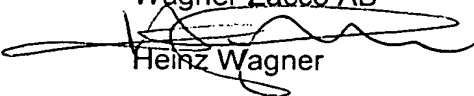
From said written opinion it could be clearly understood that the claims on file are describing a new invention.

On the other hand according to said written opinion the claims are not considered to involve an inventive step. However, we are of the opinion that the claims very well are involving an inventive step. The reason of our opinion is the following:

The main purpose with the air supply device according to claim 1 is to generate rectilinear and uniformly distributed partial air streams (6a) for making a turbulent zone (7a) around the clean-air zone (7) more narrow so that the turbulence around the clean-air zone (7) hereby become less. This purpose is new and it is very unexpected that this new purpose can be reached by such simple means which are defined in claim 1. Regarding D1 and D2, these documents are not intended for said purpose. Moreover, it is not possible to combine D1 and D2 with each other to reach such a purpose because of the fact that the configuration of the permeable body of D2 is not correct and because of the fact that D2 is provided with an outer netlike protecting layer (Drahtgeflechschuttschicht 4) which will prevent the distribution of rectilinear and uniform partial air streams so that the turbulence around the clean-air zone become less.

Thus, the claims are considered to describe a new and inventive step.

Very truly yours  
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